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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, GW

SUBJECT: MCDONNELL DOUGLAS-MBB CRUISE MISSILE STUDY

1. AT THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST, I CALLED IN AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, JUNE 29, TO INFORM HIM THAT WE WERE GRANTING APPROVAL TO AN APPLICATION FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS TO UPGRADE FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO SECRET THE LEVEL OF DATA WHICH COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO MESSERSCHMITT-BOLKOU-BLOHM (MBB) IN THEIR ON-GOING STUDY OF TACTICAL NON-NUCLEAR AIR LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES.

2. I STRESSED THAT, HAVING APPROVED THE MCDONNELL DOUGLAS UPGRADING REQUEST, WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO BEGIN TO PLACE THE CONSIDERATION OF CRUISE MISSILE DEVELOPMENTS  
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WITHIN A BROADER POLITICAL-MILITARY FRAMEWORK. I POINTED OUT THAT OUR PREVIOUS CONTACTS ON SUCH TECHNICAL INFORMATION HAD BEEN ONLY AT THE COMPANY-TO-COMPANY LEVEL AND THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ACCOMPANY THIS TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH AN EXCHANGE OF THINKING ON WHAT ROLE SUCH SYSTEMS MIGHT PLAY IN THE MODERNIZATION OF FRG AND NATO FORCES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER NATO FORCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO VON STADEN'S INQUIRY, I TOLD HIM WE WERE  
INTERESTED IN BOTH FUTURE AND ON-GOING PROGRAMS AND SUG-

GESTED THAT THE BEST CONTEXT FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE AT OUR LEVEL HERE IN  
WASHINGTON. VON STADEN SAID HE WELCOMED THE US DECISION  
ON UPGRADING THE LICENSE AND WOULD REPORT OUR INTEREST IN  
POLITICAL DIALOGUE TO BONN. VANCE

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